GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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FLIGHTS FROM BAGDOGRA AIRPORT
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that some flights from Bagdogra Airport were inoperative during last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the loss suffered as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to resume the flight services from the airport?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c): Prior to 1st November 2000, Bagdogra airport, which belongs to the Indian Air Force and where Airports Authority of India only maintains passenger terminal for passenger facilities, was available for civil operations daily. However, w.e.f. 1st November 2000, this airport was available for civil operations only on 3 days of the week due to resurfacing of runway. The projected date of completion of runway re-surfacing work is 31st March, 2001 and it is expected that the civil flights will be permitted on daily basis. Thereafter since flights shall be re-scheduled, loss suffered on this account cannot be quantified.